



Timberbank Times

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Principal's Message

Dear Timberbank Parents/Guardians,

It has certainly been an exciting start to 2015. The snow flurries continue to fall upon us and Timberbank continues to be a flurry of activity. We appreciate your patience as our roof is being replaced and have had to make alternate ways for our students to enter and exit the building.

On February 10th, our term 1 report cards will be sent home with all grade 1 to 6 students and the Junior Kindergarten Summary. Interviews will be arranged as needed for this reporting period. Our interview days are Thursday, February 12th in the evening and Friday, February 13th in the morning.

As always, we continue to offer a variety of activities for our students beyond the classroom. Many students are participating in our primary houseleague program on Tuesdays and our junior houseleague program on Thursdays at lunch. Along with this, our Folkdancing group has begun its practices every Friday. This year, we have also introduced a Minecraft Club. We had so many students wanting to participate that we are offering that club on Mondays and Thursdays. Our EcoTeam members continue their efforts to make Timberbank a more eco-friendly site through our "green bin", "lights-out" and "Walking Wednesdays" initiatives. Our Girls Club continues with their efforts in reaching their fundraising goals of purchasing five goats for Africa by selling snacks at our Canteen. Their Rafiki bracelet fundraiser is for Free the Children to support mothers in Kenya.

We will also be celebrating Lunar New Year (the Year of the Sheep) in fine form with wonderful performances on Friday, February 20th at 12:45pm at our ON TRACK Assembly. We hope that some of you are able to attend. Gung Hey Fat Choy!

We look forward to seeing you over the next couple of weeks. Remember to keep warm during these frosty days.

Mrs. Anna Epitropou



Upcoming Dates

- Feb. 6** Move-a-Thon sponsor sheets go home
- Feb. 10** Term 1 Report Cards
- Feb. 12** Evening Parent/Teacher Interviews - 3:30 pm to 8:00 pm
- Feb. 13** PA Day - no school for students; Parent/Teacher Interviews - 9 am to 12pm
- Feb. 16** Family Day - no school
- Feb. 19** Grade 3 to 6 students go to Markham Flato Theatre to see "Mary Poppins"
- Feb. 20** Lunar New Year Celebration with ON TRACK Assembly @ 12:45 pm
- Feb. 24** Kindergarten Registration
- Feb. 25** Kinder Café - 9 to 9:30am in the Library
- Feb. 27** **MOVE-A-THON**
- March 2** School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm in the Library
- March 12** Lice Check
- March 12** Family Engagement Night #2 - 6 pm to 8:20 pm



MOVE-A-THON

Annual Fundraiser

On Friday, February 27th, all of our students will be moving and shaking to the beat for our annual fundraiser. Participation cards have gone home and so have the sponsors envelope. If your child did not receive an envelope, please send a note to the classroom teacher.

The proceeds from our fundraiser will be used to:

1. Replace the playground structure for all of our community to enjoy
2. Provide enrichment activities such as special theatre presentations on bullying and character education



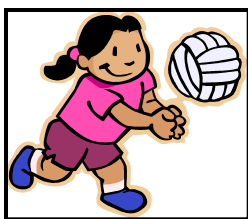
TIMBERBANK Community Spring Fair:

Mark the date on your calendar -

Saturday, June 13th from 11 am to 3 pm - details to follow...

Athletics

Our girls' volleyball team have been practicing hard and have played several games already this season. We want to wish them the best of luck and to remember to have fun!



Good luck to: Tian Bai, Carolina, Bo, Aleena, Abira, Angela, Kashwine, Zeta & to the Coaches: Mr. O'Connor and Ms Lai



Milk Bags for Beds

We continue to collect milk bags for our global social justice project. So far, we have collected 2 400 milk bags. That's enough to make 8 beds.

WOW!!! Thank you for helping us help others!



ECO News

Eco Collage Contest

After a school-wide vote, a big congratulations goes out to Anny from Mr. O'Connor's class for winning first prize in last month's Eco collage contest. Anny created a beautiful winter tobogganing scene using tissue paper and wrapping paper. Anny has received a gift card for Sport Check towards the purchase of a new pair of shoes in honour of Timberbank's ongoing "Walking Wednesdays" initiative.

The second place winner is Abinaya from Mr. Rands's class for her colourful "snowman" collage. Abinaya has received as a prize a Tim Horton's gift card. All nominated collage pieces have been displayed on Timberbank's Eco Bulletin board. Thanks to all of the classes for their school spirit and participation!

A special mention goes out to Ms Namasivayam's class and Mrs. Ball's class who through their TEAMWORK created a whole class project. They are on display in the office.

The Eco Team





"SEASONAL CELEBRATIONS"

Santa's Visit



Gentle Reminders:

- **Vehicles dropping off** students need to be mindful of the crosswalk and clearly posted signage for NO Stopping. **Please do not do U-turns on Timberbank.** Take a moment and move down the street and make your turns safely. Always follow the posted speed limit. Attached to this newsletter is a list of Parking Regulations as provided by Toronto Police Services.
- **Yard Supervision** times are 8:30 to 8:45 am / 12: 25 to 12:35 pm / 3:25 to 3:40 pm. Students should not arrive earlier unless they are taking part in a supervised event. Students who go home for lunch are asked to return no earlier than 12:30 pm.
- **Hats, water and appropriate footwear** are recommended for play and gym class. All students are asked to have a pair of indoor and outdoor shoes.
- **Flu Season** is upon us. Please remember to wash your hands frequently and if you do not have a Kleenex then you can always do the "sleeve sneeze". Help prevent germs from spreading...



Kindergarten Registration - Thurs., Feb. 24th 9:30 - 11:15 am & 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Please bring: A. Proof of Age (birth certificate/passport);

B. 2 pieces of identification that show your address;

C. Health card; and

D. immunization card (shows a list of the needles your child has had)



Announcing "Family Fun Night" on Thursday March 12th!

You are invited to our 2nd Family Engagement Night where the emphasis will be on **"Healthy Eating"** as we focus on the overall Physical, Nutritional, Mental & Social health of our families. This theme was selected based on feedback from a previous parent survey.

At this event, parents & students will have fun together as they rotate through a series of different stations. These sessions are full of activities for your family to enjoy while learning valuable lessons related to healthy eating.

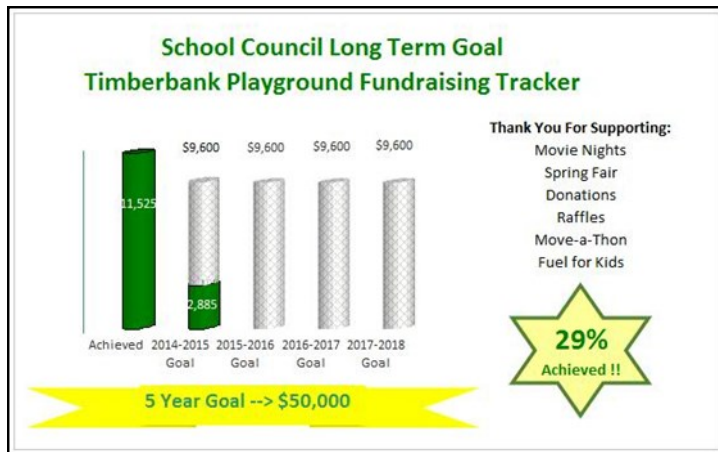
The following is a **SNEAK PEAK** at the exciting and educational sessions your family will enjoy:

- **ACTIVE STATION:** Parents & students get physical in either a soccer skills clinic or Just Dance 2015.
- **BRAIN STATION:** Your family will have fun as you compete together playing a variety of board games.
- **FUEL STATION:** Healthy eating is the focus of this hands-on workshop led by a public health nurse.

We hope your family can join us for this fun night at Timberbank.

Date: **Thursday March 12th**
Dinner: 6:00pm to 6:20pm
Activities **6:25pm to 8:20pm**

Watch for Registration Forms Coming Home Soon



**Next School Council Meeting:
Monday March 2nd**

**All parents are welcome.
Join us in the Library at 6:30pm**

School Connects

It is important that if your child is going to be **absent** or **late** for any reason, you call our Safe Arrival line at 416-396-6860, and press 1 to leave a message. Students who have an unexplained absence (one where the school has not been previously notified) will be contacted to verify the reason for the absence by an automated call-out system. Please listen carefully and confirm the reason for the absence. If you do not confirm, the automated system will call you again. In the evening, all parents/guardians of students who were late that day will receive a call informing them of their child's tardiness. With this in mind, it is important that your contact information on file at the office is up-to-date. Please let the office know immediately if your contact information changes at any time throughout the school year.

Working Hard!



Guiding Parents as they help with Math Homework

From the Edugains website:

Talking about mathematics with your child – whatever his or her age – helps strengthen his or her mathematical reasoning and understanding. Some ways to keep the talk engaged and focused while you support your child include:

1. **Revoice** – Repeat what you heard your child say, then ask for clarification (e.g., "So you are saying it's an odd number?").
2. **Repeat/Restate** – Ask your child to restate your reasoning (e.g., "Can you repeat what I said in your own words?").
3. **Reason** – Ask your child to apply his or her own reasoning to someone else's reasoning (e.g., "Do you agree or disagree? Tell me why?").
4. **Adding On** – Prompt your child to participate further (e.g., "What more would you add to that?").
5. **Think Time** – Wait several seconds (try five) to give your child time to think (e.g., "Take some time to think."). You may be surprised by how hard it is to stay silent in that time!



Learning is FUN!





Staff Member of the Month!

Staff Member:

Ms. Selva nayakam

Written By:

Cynthia and Nqiy@

1. What is your job? How long have you worked at Timberbank?

I am the teacher librian I have been
working here since September 2014.

2. What are some of your responsibilities for your job?

I have to Organize the Books in the
Library. I have to make sure that Every-
body brings back their Books on time.

3. What are some things that you like about your job?

I really like that I get to work
with all the Student in the school!

4. What's the hardest thing about your job?

the hardest part Of my Job is
were all of the Books Belong.

Please help us ensure that our students are safe during drop off and pick up.

Parking translation.txt

What is the difference between parking, standing and stopping regulations?

停泊、停車等候及停車有何分別？

The rules associated with each parking regulation are listed in order of least to most restrictive:



No Parking - motorists are only permitted to load or unload passengers or merchandise.

不准停泊 - 汽車只准停車上落客貨。



No Standing - motorists are only permitted to receive and discharge passengers. Typically used in the area of TTC bus stops.

不准停車等候 - 汽車只准停車上落乘客，不准等候。多用於公車巴士站。



No Stopping - motorists are generally not permitted to stop for any reason except to avoid a conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a constable or other police officer or of a traffic control sign or signal.

不准停車 - 汽車一般不准用任何理由停車，除非為避免對其他交通造成影響，如為避免意外發生，或服從警員或其他地警務人員或交通指示牌或指示燈號的指示而停車。

Parking Charges & Fines

違例泊車的票控及罰款

Stand/Park vehicle signed highway prohibited \$ 40-60

公路上 例泊車或停車等候 - 罰款\$40至\$60。

Stopping within a school-bus loading zone \$ 60

於學校巴士上落區內違例停車 - 罰款\$60

Stop within 9 metres of a crosswalk \$ 60

於行人過路區9米內停車 - 罰款\$60

Park - 3 metres of fire hydrant \$ 100

停泊於消防水龍頭3米範圍內 - 罰款\$100

Park in a fire route \$250

停泊於消防車通道內 - 罰款\$250

Park vehicle in disabled parking \$ 450

停泊於殘障人士專用車位內 - 罰款\$450

School Charges & Fines/Points

學校區內違例票控、罰款及扣分

U-Turns (various conditions) - \$110 & 2 Demerit Points

不同情況下掉頭 - 罰款\$110及扣2分

Disobey Sign - \$ 110 & 2 Demerit Points

不服從交通指示牌 - 罰款\$110及扣2分

Disobey Stop Sign - \$ 110 & 2 Demerit Points

不服從停車指示牌 - 罰款\$110及扣2分

Pass stopped vehicle at crosswalk - \$ 180 & 3 Demerit Points

於行人過路區內扒頭超越停定車輛 - 罰款\$180及扣3分

Pass front of vehicle within 30 metres of a crosswalk - \$ 180 & 3 Demerit Points

於行人過路區30米內扒頭超越前面車輛 - 罰款\$180及扣3分

Fail to obey school crossing stop sign - \$ 180 & 3 Demerit Points

不服從學校停車指示牌 - 罰款\$180及扣3分